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1. The total number of workmen in the Arsa coal mine including administrative personnel is slightly less than 7,000.
2. This number includes 2,000 German PWs and internees of which 200 have been granted complete liberty and have been permitted to bring their families. The 200 selected Germans appear to be regarded as a "political elite" and have been granted immunity from ration restrictions. Their treatment is considerably better than that of the average Yugoslav miner.
3. In addition to the German personnel there are approximately 100 Yugoslav citizens who arrived from Canada in August and October 1947. (The total number of such arrivals on the liner RADNIK which berthed in Fiume was 1,100. All of these have been allocated to the various Yugoslav industries.)
4. The present production of the Arsa coal mine is approximately 4,000 tons per day. Production is being assisted by voluntary Sunday work which is being carried out by farmers, clerks, civil servants, etc., in the district.
5. Recently 20 motor-coaches were brought from Italy to Yugoslavia. Compensation payment to Italy was made with Arsa coal.

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